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1. SYG LUNS ASKED ME TO MEET WITH HIM PRIVATELY OCTOBER 4 ABOUT THE NATO ATLANTIC DECLARATION. HE WAS PLEASED BY THE FRENCH DRAFT (REFS A AND B), BOTH THE SUBSTANCE AND THE FACT THE FRENCH HAD COME ALONG SUFFICIENTLY IN THE ATLANTIC RELATIONS ENTERPRISE TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTION.

2. LUNS WANTED GUIDANCE AS TO WHERE NATO SHOULD GO FROM HERE. THERE WERE BEGINNING TO BE TOO MANY DRAFTS, "INCLUDING THE AWFUL NETHERLANDS PAPER." ALSO, THE NATO DECLARATION SHOULD NOT SUFFER FROM HAVING BEEN DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE.

3. LUNS SAID THE US MUST HAVE THE GREATEST SAY REGARDING A DECLARATION, AND MUST BE HAPPY WITH THE RESULT. THE OTHER ALLIES, HE FELT, WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE FRENCH IDEAS IN THE FIELDS COVERED, IF THE US WISHED. HE THEREFORE SUGGESTED THAT IF THE US APPROVED OF THE FRENCH DRAFT, AS A BASE, LUNS MIGHT
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ADD TO IT, SELECTIVELY, OTHER NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, BURDEN-SHARING, MBFR, AND OTHER IDEAS. IN DRAFTING, LUNS OFFERED TO EITHER CONSULT CLOSELY WITH ME AS TO THE ACCEPTABILITY OF HIS LANGUAGE TO THE US, OR TO INCORPORATE

PARAGRAPHS OR A TEXT SUPPLIED HIM PRIVATELY BY ME.

4. I TOLD LUNS I HAD REPORTED TO WASHINGTON THAT HE HAD BEEN HANDLING THE DECLARATION MATTER SKILLFULLY. HE AGREED THAT THE TIME TO DECIDE ON THE US APPROACH TO A DECLARATION AND TO BEGIN DRAFTING WAS NEAR AT HAND BECAUSE OF THE PACE OF EVENTS.

5. LUNS SUGGESTED A SCENARIO IN WHICH (A) I WOULD MAKE INSTRUCTED COMMENTS (GENERAL OR SPECIFIC) IN COUNCIL AS TO US IDEAS TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE DECLARATION, (B) HE WOULD OFFER TO PRODUCE A DRAFT FOR THE COUNCIL SOON REFLECTIVE OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDING US COMMENTS, (C) I WOULD GIVE HIM PRIVATELY US LANGUAGE WHICH HE WOULD INCORPORATE WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION AS HIS OWN, AND (D) ISSUE HIS DRAFT DECLARATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION.

6. REQUEST GUIDANCE AS TO POSSIBLE COMMENTS FOR PRESENTATION IN THE COUNCIL AND GUIDANCE ON THE SCENARIO LUNS PROPOSED.

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